

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BEIRUT 05155 072157 Z

62

ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ADP-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00

AID-20 CCO-00 FBO-01 PM-09 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NIC-01

NSC-10 M-03 OC-06 OPR-02 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SCA-01

A-01 OMB-01 SS-15 SY-10 SCS-03 IO-12 CIAE-00 NSAE-00

RSR-01 /154 W

----- 128681

O 072131 Z MAY 73

FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 1982

DIA WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE

CINCEUR NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

AMEBBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 5155

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, LE

SUBJ: LEBANESE INTERNAL SECURITY

1. GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED 11:30 P. M. (LOCAL) STATE OF EMERGENCY
(MARTIAL LAW) BECAUSE " SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS TAMPERING WITH SECURITY
OF COUNTRY." ABOUT 10:00 P. M. (LOIRL) THERE WAS OUTBREAKS OF
SCATTERED FIGHTING ON OUTSKIRTS CITY WITH MOST SERIOUS ENGAGE-
MENT IN SHATILA CAMP AREA. LARGE NUMBER OF ROCKETS HAVE BEEN FIRED
IN AND AROUND CITY . WE HAVE REPORTS THAT SOME HAVE BEEN FIRED
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BEIRUT 05155 072157 Z

AT AIRPORT, MILITARY GOVERNATE OF BEIRUT AND IN GENERAL VICINITY OF PRESIDENCY. SITUATION SEEMS TO BE CALMING DOWN AS OF MID-NIGHT ALTHOUGH OUR INFORMATION AND THAT OF GOL IS EXTREMELY SPOTTY. WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF ANY AMERICAN CASUALTIES.

2. BASED ON BRIEF TALKS WITH PRESIDENCY (DIB) AND ARMY (KANAAN) GOL CONSIDERS SITUATION NOT DANGEROUS BUT VERY SERIOUS. THEY EXPECIALLY CONCERNED AT DELIBERATE WIDE- SPREAD EFFORTS PREVENT GOL- FEDAYEEN RELATIONS FROM STABILIZING. KANAAN SAID THAT SYRIAN GOV' T APPEARS BE PLAYING MOST UNHELPFUL ROLE IN THIS REGARD, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO TIME TO PROVIDE DETAILS.

3. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN WE ABLE OBTAIN CLEARER PICTURE OF SITUATION.
HOUGHTON

CONFIDENTIAL
NMAFVVZCZ

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 MAY 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: hilburpw
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BEIRUT05155
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: RR
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: BEIRUT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730537/aaaahxqt.tel
Line Count: 78
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: hilburpw
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03-Aug-2001 by boyleja>; APPROVED <14-Dec-2001 by hilburpw>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> mcm 971211
Subject: LEBANESE INTERNAL SECURITY
TAGS: PINS, LE
To: AMMAN
CINCEUR
DHAHRAN
DIA WASHDC
JERUSALEM
JIDDA
LONDON

NEA

SECSTATE WASHDC

Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005